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# Our Dumb Animals



THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE  
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
AND THE AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY

## The Band of Mercy

DR. FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President  
GUY RICHARDSON, Secretary  
E. A. MARYOTT, State Organizer

### PLEDGE

I will try to be kind to all living creatures and try to protect them from cruel usage.

The American Humane Education Society will send to every person who forms a Band of Mercy of thirty members, and sends the name chosen for the Band and the name and post-office address of the president who has been duly elected, special Band of Mercy literature and a gilt badge for the president.

### NEW BANDS OF MERCY

Five hundred and five new Bands of Mercy were reported during January. Of these 181 were in Illinois, 92 in Massachusetts, 79 in Georgia, 55 in New Hampshire, 50 in Florida, 25 in Pennsylvania, 12 in Virginia, five in Tennessee, two each in Lebanon and Palestine, and one each in South Carolina and Syria.

Total number of Bands of Mercy organized by Parent American Society, 207,651.

### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF FIELD WORKERS OF THE AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY FOR JANUARY, 1935

(See list of officers and field workers on page 46)

Number of Bands of Mercy formed, 458  
Number of addresses made, 373  
Number of persons in audiences, 56,459

MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A. IN THE COURTS

#### Some Prosecutions in January

For cruelly abandoning two puppies a defendant pleaded *not guilty*. He was convicted and fined \$15. Another for the offense of abandoning a dog was fined \$35.

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I would not enter on my list of friends,  
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,  
Yet wanting sensibility, the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

—COWPER



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The American Game Association, in spite of the rapidly disappearing number of the nation's wild fowl, refused to pass a resolution in favor of a closed season for 1935.

Dog racing is evidently popular in Florida. A flamboyant advertisement of ten thrilling races has been sent us taken from a Florida paper. Grouped about it are eight advertisements of places where liquor is for sale. Do these things go together?

The report has been widely circulated through the press that 1,400 lambs were frozen to death in transit from Longview, Texas, to St. Louis. Blame for this appalling event should be placed where it belongs. Someone was responsible. Shippers, railroads, conductors of trains. Does it distress you? Write to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace at Washington, D. C., and ask if anything has been done about it.

From the Museum of Natural History, Hanover, Germany, we have received a request for a generous supply of our illustrated pamphlet, "An International Appeal," which seeks international action to stop the pollution of the world's coastal waters with oil discharged from oil-burning ships, the oil so fatal to millions of sea birds and fish. Copies of the pictures were also asked for, that the Appeal might be reproduced in German.

At the 21st annual meeting of the American Game Conference held last month in New York, when the slow extermination of our wild life was seriously discussed by hunters and where nearly every reason for their extermination was put forth except the chief one of too many hunters, a wise man from the University of Wisconsin said: "The ducks need two things — more marsh (for breeding) and less killing." If the droughts are drying up breeding grounds, then why not stop the slaughter of the ducks and geese that are left?

## An Interesting Letter from the War Department, Washington

January 18, 1935

Dr. Francis H. Rowley,  
President, Massachusetts S. P. C. A.  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Rowley:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 20, 1934, transmitting the pamphlet "An International Appeal," regarding the waste of animal life and expressing the hope that special attention will be given to the question of destruction of wild fowl by the pollution of waters with oil.

The pollution of waterways by the discharge of oil and other refuse is receiving the careful attention of a sub-committee of the Water Resources Branch of the National Resources Board which is making a study of the problem with a view to determining what can be done by the federal and local governments to combat the evil. An inter-departmental committee under the auspices of the State Department is also studying the matter of pollution with a view to determining to what extent the United States should co-operate in an international undertaking to eliminate or reduce injurious discharge of oil at sea.

These committees have not completed their deliberations but you may be assured that it is their desire to arrive at a practicable solution of this problem whereby the evil effects of pollution of inland and coastal waters may be eliminated.

Very truly yours,  
GEO. DERN, Secretary of War

To our everlasting shame as a nation it must be recorded that 5,068 persons have been lynched in the United States during the last 52 years. Asked once what he thought of Christian Missions, Sir Rabindranath Tagore of India replied: "So long as such things go on in your country, do you think you have any Christianity to export?"

## Compulsory Military Training in America

THE Supreme Court has decided that any university known as a "land-grant institution" can compel every student to take military training whatever his religious or conscientious convictions may be. So the two young men, Hamilton and Reynolds of the University of California, will have to give up their college course or their ideals of what duty demands of them. Furthermore, the Supreme Court has gone on record as affirming that military service is obligatory upon every citizen, man or woman, and each must resort to force of arms to defend the government when called upon. This liability to military service decision appears far more extreme than anything "ever established by Congress."

Doubtless the Court's decision is in keeping with the Constitution, but let the Government get into another war and it will be surprised to find the number of citizens who will refuse to obey its mandate, Constitution or no Constitution. Wars, someday, will not be made without the consent of the people who will have to do the fighting if fighting is to be done. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Dana is, we are confident, no false prophet when he says,

"In the first World War which we like to think was the last World War, the common people were forced to listen to the voices of the politicians, the war makers, the munition makers, the bankers. Before the next world war the bankers, the munition makers, the war makers, the politicians will have to listen to the voices of the common people, to the voices of the workers, to the voices of the younger generation. They will find that those whom they would use as cannon fodder will no longer be willing to make arms, to transport arms, or to bear arms that are going to be used against their fellow workers in other countries."

Be Kind to Animals Week, April 8—13;  
Humane Sunday, April 7, 1935.

## To a Caged Bengal Tiger

MYRTLE G. BURGER

Who has brought you here, my brother,  
To this narrow cage  
Where your splendid strength is wasted  
In a thwarted rage?

Back and forth you pace, unceasing,  
Of your freedom shorn,  
Cramped within this hated prison,  
You, the jungle-born!

You, who dealt swift death to strangers  
Who might your lair surprise  
Now may never find a shelter  
From curious human eyes.

Ah, my poor, unhappy brother,  
Trapped and wretched there,  
Long your scornful eyes will haunt me,  
Burning in despair!

## "Half-Penny"

JUDY VAN DER VEER

WHEN the colt was six months old he and his mother were starving. They were taken to the zoo in the city to be fed to the lions. We heard about it in time to save the colt. His mother had been slaughtered and he was running around in a corral filled with miserable horses, pitifully nickering for the kind old mare. We had him trucked home and put in a box-stall. He was the most forlorn baby! His shaggy sorrel coat seemed inadequate to cover his bones. He did have a beautifully long tail and mane for so young a colt, and he had a straight white blaze on his face. But he had a Roman nose and his frightened eyes showed a great deal of white. Every one who saw him said he wasn't worth a cent, so we named him "Half-Penny" and called him "Penny."

Penny stayed in the box-stall till we could get a halter on him and teach him to lead, a difficult lesson for such a wild, nervous colt. He trusted no one. After he was halter broken we turned him out in the corral, and one day when he saw my big horses going out to pasture he gracefully leaped the fence and went along.

Until he was nearly three years old he lived in the big pasture as untamed as any wild horse on the plains. He was homely and awkward. And then over night one spring he grew up! Watching him run across the pasture I noticed how sleek his

red coat was, how beautifully his thick mane blew in the wind. He had a broad chest, a well formed arched neck, and legs very trim and straight. I had a strong desire to ride him! But I was recovering from an accident and didn't dare.

I know a cowboy, Jim, who shares my views about *gentling* rather than *breaking* a colt, and he agreed to help me. It would take too long to tell the whole story. We nearly gave up! We had to be infinitely patient and kind, but as soon as we won Penny's confidence he learned quickly. I rode him the third time he was ridden; in a few weeks I was herding cattle on him.

Because I had too many cows and horses, and couldn't sell any cattle because of the drought, I decided to sell Penny. It nearly broke my heart, but I couldn't sell the older horses who had served me long and well. But when a buyer came to look at him the colt moved away shyly and hid behind me, peering nervously over my shoulder. I put my arms around his neck and said he wasn't for sale. And Penny has arranged matters so I couldn't sell him if I wanted. For he has turned out to be a one man horse. He promptly throws any stranger who tries to ride him, and his bad manners make me rejoice! Because I saved him from a horrible fate I seem duty bound to keep him until he dies of old age—many years hence, I hope.

## Slaughtering Season

Deer, dove, quail, duck, etc., seasons have just closed and many have been murdered, writes Clifford Dambacher in *The Nature-ist*. The innocents are killed, and the killer's soul is blemished. You can't kill advanced life, such as these, without having it on your hands! It affects your life!

### Protection of Sub-Human Life:

(a) Destroy no life wantonly . . . Do not chase and seek to kill . . . Watch them quietly instead, and so enjoy great pleasure in learning of their ways much that you can not learn from books.

(b) To understand the lives of other animals . . . is to sympathize with their struggles and difficulties; and the idea of being cruel to them, should you entertain it for a moment, would betray to your own mind your unfitness to regard yourself as a civilized being. It would make you contemptible in your own sight.

(c) When the true knowledge of Nature is universal, there will be no cruelty.

(d) "Years ago . . . I used a gun for sport," wrote E. Kay Robinson. "Now, though, I do not condemn the sportsman whose mind permits him to enjoy the sport of killing, because he is not yet enlightened by the truth, I can not shed blood, except of necessity and with regret."

(e) Sir Edwin Arnold . . . gave us in poetic phrase the maxim, as I hold it will be, of the religion of the future in its relation toward animal life.

"Kill not, for pity's sake: and lest ye slay  
The meanest thing upon its upward way."

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Join the Jack London Club with its more than 630,000 members, and help stop the cruelty of trained animal acts.



"HALF-PENNY," A ONE-MAN HORSE



## Bontebok, Transvaal

The bontebok, a South African antelope, is now extinct in the wild state, and preserved only in privately owned herds, we are told by W. Percival Westell in "The Book of the Animal Kingdom." It is closely related to the blesbok, though larger. Both species are recognized by the rich purple-red of the coat, and the white marking, or blaze, as it is called, on the face. Though wary creatures and difficult to approach, these beasts must have presented a fine sight in days gone by. One writer stated: "On my right and left the plain exhibited one purple mass of graceful blesboks, which extended without a break as far as my eye could strain. The depth of their vast regions covered a breadth of about six hundred yards."

## "Heaven's Rage"

Through the courtesy of the author, Miss Helen Trevelyan, we have received one hundred copies of the booklet with the above title. Any money we may receive from their sale is to be devoted to our work.

The booklet sells in England for one shilling, and we will mail a copy to any address upon receipt of 25 cents. It is a telling indictment against the training of animals for exhibition and is a powerful supplement to Jack London's "Michael Brother of Jerry," the book that was responsible for the launching of the Jack London Club.

The author knows her subject from behind the scenes. Order your copy of "Heaven's Rage" early from The Jack London Club, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Mass.

# Be Kind to Animals Week, April 8-13

## Humane Sunday, April 7, 1935

## Humane Day in Schools, Friday, April 12

### Be Kind to Animals Week

THE most outstanding movement in the work for protection of animals in this country, since the inauguration of the American Humane Education Society by Geo. T. Angell in 1889, is that known as BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK, first celebrated in 1915.

Publicity is the keynote of the observance—publicity for the animal protection cause in general. Be Kind to Animals Week is not (or should not be) primarily nor directly a means of getting financial support, but a most wonderful means of giving—giving facts, giving advice and warnings, giving instruction and information, in short, giving the public an intensive and comprehensive and concise survey of the whole problem of animal welfare and man's duty towards the so-called lower creatures.

Be Kind to Animals Week affords a great opportunity for introducing humane education into schools of every sort and grade. Of course we want humane education disseminated every week in the year, as we wish newspaper publicity and all other humane activities carried on every week in the year, but the fact remains that many schools can be reached principally, or can be reached more effectively, during Humane Week than at any other time. And even if schools are in that select class that do have regular systematic humane instruction, or exercises, throughout the year, there is wonderful opportunity for crystallizing Be Kind to Animals sentiment during this special week.

Some organizations plan a series of talks to be given on each school day of the Week in the larger school auditoriums by interested lay workers, such as clergymen, lawyers, and other prominent citizens of the community.

The tremendous and ever-growing success and popularity of the special national poster, put out by the American Humane Association, is exceeded in its influence for good only by the original individual poster designs made by countless impressionable pupils in thousands of our public and parochial schools as the result of national, state-wide and local contests sponsored by the different humane organizations.

The Humane Sunday movement has been very much worth while. We know that many humane sermons are preached, and probably in many more instances references to kindness to animals are made in the pulpit, and frequently Sunday evening services are given up to a humane program, often featuring slides or moving pictures.

From an address, "Twenty Years of Be Kind to Animals Week," by Guy Richardson, at annual meeting of the American Humane Association, Columbus, Ohio, October 10, 1934. Copies of the complete address will be mailed anywhere for three cents each, or ten for 25 cents, by the American Humane Education Society, Boston.



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### Humane Exercises for 1935

TO assist teachers in the elementary grades of the public schools of Massachusetts to observe Humane Day in Schools, Friday, April 12, the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. has compiled a special pamphlet containing eight pages of suggestive exercises and recitations. Every superintendent of schools in the state will be sent a copy of these Exercises with an offer from the Society to furnish as many free copies as he has teachers above the second grade.

Teachers, humane societies, and others outside of Massachusetts, who may wish to make use of this new pamphlet, may order copies at two cents each in any quantity. Samples free upon application to the Secretary, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.

### Humane Sunday Leaflet

In response to the demand for literature in connection with Humane Sunday (April 7, 1935), the American Humane Education Society, Boston, has issued a two-page leaflet written by its President, Dr. Francis H. Rowley. On the first page, Dr. Rowley answers the question, "Why a Humane Sunday?" and on the second page he presents a three-minute address for Humane Sunday entitled, "The Value of a Sparrow." This is a concise and helpful piece of literature to send to ministers of all denominations, and to officers of Sunday-schools and young people's societies. Copies are priced at one cent each, in any quantity; sample free. Send also for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters," by Dr. Jefferson, 4 pp., and "A Festival of Tender Mercies."

### Striking Poster for 1935

HERE is the new national poster, in three colors, especially designed by Morgan Dennis for BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK. It is exquisitely printed on fine paper, size 22 inches long and 17 inches wide. It depicts a cruel practice and teaches a greatly needed lesson in kindness. It will uplift every society that uses it.

This poster merits enormous circulation. It should be in every classroom and library in the land. It will decorate every store window wherein it is exhibited.

Note that there are no dates on the poster—it is good for every day in the year. Copies bearing the imprint of the American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, are for sale at these prices, postpaid: Single 10 cts., three for 25 cts., eight for 50 cts., twenty for \$1, seventy for \$3, 125 for \$5, and may be ordered from the Society. Orders for larger quantities, however, and all orders requiring special imprints, should be sent to the American Humane Association, 80 Howard Street, Albany, N. Y.

It is essential to order early to avoid disappointment, as the supply is limited and it takes time when required to imprint with Society's name.

### Cash Prizes for Best Stories

IN connection with the approaching Be Kind to Animals celebration *Our Dumb Animals* offers three cash prizes for the best manuscripts on "The Most Remarkable Story of Animal Intelligence," of not more than 250 words each. The contest will close Tuesday, April 30, after which date no more manuscripts will be considered.

The prizes offered are: First, \$10, cash; second, \$5, cash; third, \$3, cash. They will be paid to the winners not later than May 10, 1935. The conditions are:

The stories may or may not be original but they must be absolutely true and satisfactorily vouched for. If not original, they must be told in the writer's own language and the sources from which the facts are taken must be given.

All MSS. must be typewritten, on one side of the paper only, preferably on one sheet, 8 1/2 x 11 inches.

The name and full address of the writer must appear at the top of sheet containing the text of the story.

No MSS. will be returned so do not for this contest send return postage or addressed envelopes.

Address all entries to Contest Editor, *Our Dumb Animals*, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Mass., to reach that office not later than April 30, 1935.

Announcement of the winners will appear in the June issue of *Our Dumb Animals*, where the winning manuscripts will be published.

## Two Dog Friends

WALTER SCOTT

My window overlooks the lawn  
And there I saw today,  
Two friendly dogs quite busily  
Engaged in morning play.

One of the dogs was very black,  
The other black and white;  
The color line, it mattered not,  
They were a pleasant sight.

The bigger dog had longer legs,  
The other very short;  
They cared not whether big or small  
For both enjoyed their sport.

They ran and leaped and wrestled long  
And then stood still awhile;  
Each wagged his tail which I think meant,  
Let's rest and try a smile.

At last both friends stood side by side  
For now their play was done,  
They leaped ahead and trotted off  
To take their morning run.

Oh, friendly dogs, I drink your health  
And wish you pleasant weather;  
May men and nations learn like you  
How to live together.

## Animal Reasoning

MYRON A. PATCH

We have heard people scoff at the idea of animals reasoning. Let them explain this one.

We had a pet cat at our gasoline filling station. We taught him to open the screen door when he wanted to go outside, by pushing it open with his paws, and dodging through before it closed.

But one day he did not get through quick enough, and the closing door caught his tail.

The next time he wanted to go through the door, after this had happened, he walked up to the door, sat down and seemed to be thinking the matter over. Then he deliberately arose, turned around and backed into the door, going out tail first. Something he never had done before. And from then on, that was the way he always went out. Who says he did not reason?

## The Cat and the Dinner Bell

It is a custom in large boarding-houses to announce the dinner hour by the sound of a bell. A cat belonging to one of these houses always hastened to the dining-room on hearing the sound of this bell, to get its accustomed meal.

It so happened one day that her mistress was obliged to punish tabby for some misdeed. She was locked up in a clothes closet when the dinner bell sounded. An hour or so later, after having been emancipated from her confinement, the cat hastened to the dining-room but found that nothing was left for her. The disappointed cat knowingly pulled the bell cord, endeavoring to summon the family to a second dinner in which she no doubt intended to participate.

WILLIAM W. BUECHEL

## Canine Pensioners

E. C. FORREST

SOME time ago the readers of *Our Dumb Animals* were given a picture of the hard life of the Alaskan sled dogs. There is yet another side to the picture of "A Dog's Life In Alaska" which in all fairness to dog owners in Alaska, should, I believe, be presented also.

Let any group gather in the far North about the roaring heater in a village trading post, or in some cabin for a social hour, and the conversation inevitably drifts, sooner or later, to the one topic of unfailing interest in the north — dogs. Out here in the States the latest movie, a new type of car or aeroplane, a modern dance step, all receive their share of attention. But in Alaska it is always dogs that set tongues to wagging and light weather-beaten faces with a glow of interest.

Dancing is a popular form of amusement during the long frozen winters when miners, fishermen, and prospectors gather in enforced idleness at the river settlements waiting the breaking up of the spring ice, and open water again, to go about their business of gaining a livelihood. At the frequent dances, midnight is always the signal for the serving of a hearty supper. Then, with the drinking of innumerable cups of hot black coffee, tongues are loosened and diffidence is forgotten. All grow loquacious. Each old-timer leans forward in his place, eyes bright, ready to seize an opportunity to plunge into the conversation. And the subject under discussion is always dogs. One after another, old sourdoughs take up the tale of dogs that they have known. They tell of hair-breadth escapes from breaking ice on lake and river and Arctic sea; of thrilling rescues from blinding blizzards. And dogs are always the rescuers.

Wise, strong-hearted leaders, dogs with an uncanny *trail sense*—of these they tell. There is not a man in the gathering who does not owe his life to the grit and endurance and sagacity of some lead-dog; and in the possession of nearly every speaker, is some veteran of the trail, pensioned to a life of ease.

It gives them away, these dour, crusty-

appearing old sourdoughs, when one finds some half-blind, decrepit sled dog, crippled from countless fights and freezes, hobbling about the cabin after his master and receiving now and then a low-spoken word of recognition or roughly-tender pat. I shan't forget my first experience of this kind of insight into character.

A woman friend and I were en route from the Kuskokwim River to the Yukon, traveling alone with our nine sled dogs. An unexpected thaw had caught us, and we had had a particularly bad day on the trail. For hours we had been wallowing through slush ice and saturated snow behind our exhausted dog team. Chilled and soaking, we hailed Shorty Waymire's cabin just at night-fall as a haven of refuge. There we could be sure of warmth and food and shelter.

Eskimo boys unharnessed and cared for our footsore team while, in the inner room of Shorty's double cabin, beside a glowing heater, we stripped of soggy sealskin boots, and wet fur garments, and got into dry clothing. Then, famished, ready to devour without question whatever was set before us, we issued into the other room from which came the tantalizing fragrance of boiling coffee.

"There's the coffee. Help yourselves to whatever other grub you want," said Shorty curtly, indicating a well-stocked cupboard. "I ain't never cooked for women yet, and I'm not starting now."

Our spirits sank. Bones and muscles ached. We wanted only to eat our fill, then creep into our sleeping-bags and fall asleep. All along the trail our sourdough hosts had put forth their best culinary efforts in our behalf. We had heard that Shorty was crabby — but here was an unheard of phenomenon, an inhospitable Alaskan!

And then, moving dejectedly towards the stove, I almost stepped upon a big red sled dog sprinkled with gray. He growled low in his throat, and Shorty said sharply, "Look out! Don't step on Murphy."

Questions brought forth Murphy's story. The old dog was stiff with rheumatism,



"MURPHY" (IN THE LEAD) BEFORE HE BECAME A PENSIONER

nearly blind, and toothless. But for many years he had been Shorty's lead-dog. Together they had followed one gold stampede after another, faced death on river and tundra. Now their trail days were over — both man's and dog's. Shorty ran a species of road house on the river; Murphy was pensioned to a life of ease. Every day Shorty cooked rolled oats and salt salmon for him — soft foods that did not call for teeth. He lay on a deer-hide beside the stove, rumbling uneasily of the lusty days of his youth, while Shorty stepped carefully over and around him.

Murphy's master couldn't possibly be as crochety as he would have us believe, we privately decided. And so it proved. Under the mellowing influence of stories of Murphy and of early days, he thawed reluctantly and, in an amazingly short time had set before us a savory stew of reindeer with blueberry preserves and delicious light bread of his own making.

Murphy's status is not unique. In every cabin along our route of travel we found some favorite sled dog enjoying special privileges in his master's cabin while the rest of the team were comfortably housed outside. Usually some rangy, battle-scarred leader of former days, these inmates of the cabins. Of all breeds, pure and mixed strains, imported from the States for special qualities of speed, endurance, or intelligence. But now, time has leveled them all to the same status. Pensioners!

*Open thy lips and speak,  
Protect the dumb and weak  
Their cause maintain.  
Why should we them abuse?  
Why these kind friends misuse?  
O! let us never choose  
To cause them pain.*



### "Dodi," Aberdeen Terrier

This perky puppy belongs to Ishbel Macdonald, daughter of Ramsay Macdonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain. He accompanied Miss Macdonald and her father on their trip to Canada and Newfoundland last summer, sailing with them on the H. M. S., "Dragon." A regular little sea-dog was "Dodi" at four months old. The photograph was taken by Gertrude W. Smythe.

### Red-Eyed Vireo

THE range of the red-eyed vireo in the United States is restricted in general to the territory east of the Rocky Mountains; in Canada, it is practically transcontinental, with Great Slave Lake in the Mackenzie region approximately its northern limit. In migration the red-eye is reported as far south as Brazil, according to a bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture.

When the mating season arrives, from the middle of May to the last of June, the nest is started in a convenient fork of a branch, often near the ground; and, when finished, this is suspended by the rim rather than supported from below. The nest is a trim affair, about the size of a small teacup, woven of fibrous matter, among which are such substances as bits of birch bark, grapevine bark, or flax.

Practically six-sevenths of the food consumed by the red-eye is of animal origin, and very nearly all of it is insects. The remainder is composed of the small snails that are found more or less frequently on leaves and grass.

### Thoughts from the Past

JASPER B. SINCLAIR

THE bill introduced into the British Parliament over one hundred years ago by Richard Martin, member from Galway, and designed for the protection of dumb animals, inspired Christopher North to pen these significant thoughts:

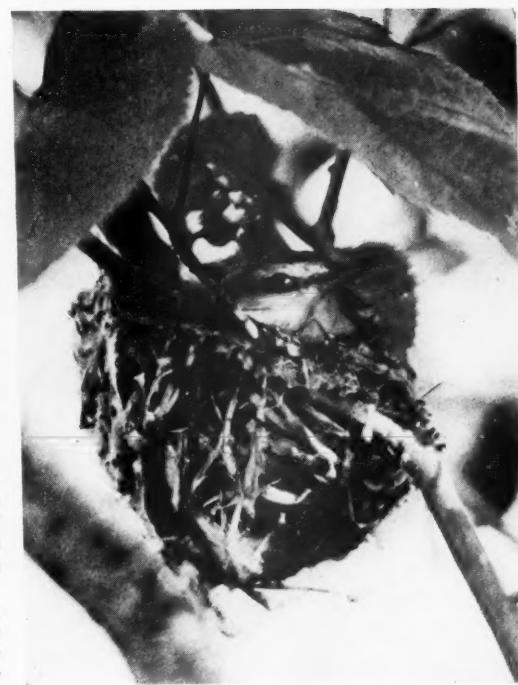
"It is not possible to define cruelty to animals so as to bring it within the salutary operation of law. I much question the efficacy of law to protect the inferior creation against the human. Let that protection be found in the moral indignation of the people."

Written over a century ago, these words of the famed Scottish writer are equally true today. Particularly the latter sentence which is the most expressive, summing up as it does all that might be written on the subject of the protection of our dumb animals from human cruelties, thoughtlessness and carelessness.

Not that North decried the value of such legislation. Rather that he believed in the force of public opinion and the proper education of the people to a better appreciation of the rights of dumb animals as a more potent factor than any statutes that might be written into the laws of the land.

Again he wrote: "I know nothing about legislation. But I do know something about humanity — and cruelty to the dumb creation is practical blasphemy, and will not go unpunished. Habits of cruelty terminate almost of necessity in atrocious crimes. The carter who brutally flogs his horse will beat his wife."

Is not that equally true today, as it was one hundred years ago? Few thoughts upon this subject are more expressive, or more direct in their tone and implication.



RED-EYED VIREO ON ITS BEAUTIFUL HANGING NEST

### The Deadly Oil

MINNIE LEONA UPTON

*Beautiful strong wings,  
Made to cleave the sky,  
Swift and joyous things—  
There they lie!*

*Fair, and fine, and fleet,  
Where man has not trod  
These all "seek their meat"  
Still "from God"!*

*Yet man's careless greed  
Leaves its loathsome trail!  
Help to serve their need?  
What avail?*

*If men could but see,  
If they could but feel,  
These things could not be!  
They would kneel*

*By their victims weak  
Of their blinded greed,  
Misery would speak—  
They would heed!*

*"Law alone can fight  
This mad, tragic waste"  
Swiftly let it smite—  
Haste, oh, haste!*

Most attractive birds in the West Indies are the humming-birds. I had never seen them on the wing before. You will catch a glimpse of them in any garden, by any wayside, darting to and fro in the sunshine, dainty as a flower, the light glinting on feathers that are blue and green and bronze and golden. They are like living opals.

OWEN RUTTER

## Our Dumb Animals

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FOR TERMS, see back cover.

AGENTS to take orders for Our Dumb Animals are wanted everywhere. Liberal commissions are offered.

EDITORS of all periodicals who receive this publication this month are invited to reprint any of the articles with or without credit.

MANUSCRIPTS relating to animals, particularly prose articles of about three hundred words are solicited. We do not wish to consider prose manuscripts longer than 800 words, nor verse in excess of thirty-six lines. The shorter the better. All manuscripts should be typewritten and an addressed envelope with full return postage enclosed with each offering.

## The Safe Roads Association for Horses

SOME years ago in this state the above Association was in existence and Mrs. R. B. Walker of Norwood was its president. The automobile has so curtailed its activities that it has decided to give up its work. There remained in its treasury \$7.40 which Mrs. Walker has turned over to our Society to be used for some phase of our service to horses. She naturally would like all who may have been connected with the Association and contributed to know how the balance left in the treasury has been used.

## Contributed

One of our good friends, Miss Alice Thorp, sends us the following clippings well worth reading:

## A Friendly Swallow

For many weeks, each evening a swallow flies into my bedroom, and spends the night on the top of the old-fashioned bell pull near my bed. The lighting of the gas and preparations for retirement leave it undisturbed and unamazed. In the early morning at 5 A. M., sometimes as late as 6 (do birds sometimes oversleep?), it dives through the open window and away, only to return at night. Should the window be closed until bedtime through bad weather,

er, when opened the bird is at hand, and flies up to its perch. Occasionally the bird comes back for a moment during the morning.

The Rev. Eldon O. Butler, Rector of Spofforth, Harrogate.

## Our Dogs

*They ask us no questions, they tell us no lies,*

*And when they address us look straight in our eyes;*

*Content with a little they never despair,*  
*But in all our troubles they willingly share;*  
*They ask us so little, they give us so much,*  
*They always let sympathy dwell in our touch.*

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V. TRACY

## Activities of Auxiliaries

THE Women's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. acted as hostess at an all-day conference of the Sixth District of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs at Hotel Touraine, Boston, January 22. Miss Mary D. Clare, director, presided. There were addresses of welcome by Mrs. Edith Washburn Clarke, president of the Auxiliary, and Dr. Francis H. Rowley, president of the Society, and greetings by prominent Federation officers. Many subjects were discussed, the principal speakers being Mrs. T. Gordon Burkes, Miss Grace Parker, Mrs. Clyde H. Swan, Mrs. Charles E. P. Thompson, Dr. Louise M. Leverone, Mrs. W. O. B. Little, Mrs. Charles R. Hawkins, Mrs. Burtis J. Whittemore, Mrs. Bernard S. Sabeau, Mrs. Joseph E. Davison and Mrs. Thomas J. Walker. Mrs. Thomas Coughlan conducted a legislation round table. Music was by Clifford Kemp, pianist, and Edmond Boucher, bari-

tone.

Many delightful gatherings are held by the Winchester Branch of the Auxiliary. On January 10 members and guests met at the home of Mrs. G. Russell Mann to listen to addresses by President Rowley of the Society and Mrs. Clarke, president of the parent Auxiliary. Several new members were enrolled at this meeting.

The Springfield Branch entertained more than 300 guests at the M. S. P. C. A. Hospital on its annual Hospitality Day in January.

## THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Founded by Geo. T. Angell. Incorporated March, 1868

See page 45 for complete list of officers

## MONTHLY REPORT OF SOCIETY AND BRANCHES

See page 43 for complete list of prosecuting officers

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Miles traveled by humane officers   | 13,755 |
| Cases investigated                  | 422    |
| Animals examined                    | 3,911  |
| Animals placed in homes             | 106    |
| Lost animals restored to owners     | 51     |
| Number of prosecutions              | 5      |
| Number of convictions               | 5      |
| Horses taken from work              | 10     |
| Horses humanely put to sleep        | 29     |
| Small animals humanely put to sleep | 1,113  |

## Stock-yards and abattoirs

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Animals inspected                             | 49,448 |
| Cattle, swine and sheep humanely put to sleep | 40     |

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been remembered in the wills of Kate H. Muller of Watertown and Mary W. Gilbert of Boston.

February 12, 1935.

## HOSPITAL REPORT FOR JANUARY

Including Springfield Branch

| Hospital                                   | Dispensary |
|--|------------|
| Cases entered                              | 643 Cases  |
| Dogs                                       | 496 Dogs   |
| Cats                                       | 142 Cats   |
| Horses                                     | 3 Birds    |
| Bird                                       | 1 Horses   |
| Monkey                                     | 1 Fox      |
|  | Rat        |
| Operations                                 | 976        |
| Hospital cases since opening, Mar. 1, 1915 | 126,436    |
| Dispensary Cases                           | 297,909    |
| Total                                      | 424,345    |

## The Month in the Springfield Branch

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Cases entered in Hospital   | 106 |
| Cases entered in Dispensary | 364 |
| Operations                  | 169 |



BORN ON THE MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A. REST FARM, METHUEN



ENJOYING RICH PASTURAGE AT REST FARM OF MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A., METHUEN

# Sixty-seventh Annual Report of the President

## For the Year Ending December 31, 1934

### I

#### The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Of the making of many books, there is no end, wrote one of old who speaks of himself as The Preacher. His sermons are still read in spite of the fact that his favorite text was "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." Had he lived today, he might also have said "of the writing of annual reports there is no end." After telling month by month what our two Societies have been doing (in our monthly magazine), it still seems necessary to tell the story over again in fewer words if there is to be an annual report for future reference.

#### The Unchanging Service

This is the work carried out day after day, year in and year out, by our agents who cover the state, six with headquarters here in Boston, one in Worcester, one in Springfield, one in Pittsfield, one in Methuen, one in Lynn, one in New Bedford, one on the Cape; one special local agent under pay at Haverhill, one in Fitchburg, one in Athol, one in Beverly, and one in Peabody, who receive and humanely put to sleep unwanted small animals. During the year past 5,729 complaints were investigated; animals examined in these investigations, 65,507; animals inspected at stock-yards and abattoirs, 577,393; horses taken from work, 240; horses humanely put to sleep, 607; other animals injured, diseased, unwanted, humanely put to sleep, 18,163; injured animals at stock-yards humanely put to sleep, 374; horses watered, 18,587 times; prosecutions, 90; convictions, 82; miles traveled by agents, 173,545; horse ambulance trips, 87; small ambulance trips, 6,700.

#### The Hospital

The Angell Hospital for Animals has maintained its rank, we have every reason to believe, during the year. With its staff of six full-time veterinarians and a score of competent assistants it continues to render the service to animals and to those who own and love them which we scarcely need to remark, much less to dwell upon. The year's records, however, seem to indicate that its sphere of usefulness is ever expanding, when we find that animals from far places are being brought to us for the treatment that we are able to give them.

This is the record for the year:

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Entered in Hospital   | 9,237  |
| Entered in Dispensary | 28,616 |
| Operations            | 11,358 |

The above figures include the reports from the several centers throughout the State which we now present separately:

#### SUMMARY

#### THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY'S AGENTS

During 1934

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Miles traveled   | 173,545 |
| Complaints investigated  | 5,729   |
| Animals examined in investigations   | 65,507  |
| Horses taken from work   | 240     |
| Horses humanely put to sleep   | 607     |
| Other animals humanely put to sleep  | 18,163  |
| Animals inspected at stock-yards and abattoirs                             | 577,393 |
| Injured or sick animals at stock-yards and abattoirs humanely put to sleep | 374     |
| Horses watered on Boston Streets   | 18,587  |
| Prosecutions   | 90      |
| Convictions  | 82      |
| Ambulance Trips  |         |
| Horse ambulances   | 87      |
| Small animal ambulances  | 6,700   |
| (2,600 in Boston)  |         |

#### THE ANGELL MEMORIAL ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Including Springfield Branch  
During 1934

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Small animals treated                     | 9,099  |
| Large animals                             | 60     |
| Birds                                     | 78     |
| Cases entered in Hospital                 | 9,237  |
| Dispensary Cases                          |        |
| Small animals treated                     | 28,091 |
| Large animals                             | 27     |
| Birds                                     | 498    |
| Total treated in Dispensary               | 28,616 |
| Operations                                | 11,358 |
| Total animals and birds treated last year |        |
|   | 37,853 |

#### Summary

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Cases in Hospital since opened March 1, 1915 | 125,793 |
| Cases in Dispensary since March 1, 1915      | 295,865 |
| Total  | 421,658 |
| Springfield (Including Branch Hospital)      |         |

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Cases Investigated                              | 645    |
| Animals Inspected                               | 11,904 |
| Horses taken from work, being unfit for service | 25     |
| Horses humanely destroyed                       | 32     |
| Cases prosecuted and convicted                  | 33     |
| Small animals humanely destroyed                | 4,080  |
| Homes found for small animals                   | 507    |
| Animals restored to owners                      | 180    |

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Ambulance calls, small animals   | 1,535  |
| Miles traveled in investigations | 17,563 |
| Dispensary cases                 | 3,838  |
| Hospital cases                   | 1,299  |
| Operations                       | 1,982  |

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Methuen Rest Farm and Shelter           |                                |
| Small animals called for or received    | 2,415                          |
| Ambulance calls                         | 1,135                          |
| Complaints investigated                 | 128                            |
| Animals inspected                       | 10,706                         |
| Horses taken from work                  | 27                             |
| Horses humanely put to sleep            | 162                            |
| Cows humanely put to sleep              | 4                              |
| Average number horses at Farm per month | 29 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> |
| Miles traveled                          | 15,187                         |

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Cape Cod District                 |        |
| Cases investigated                | 751    |
| Animals inspected                 | 1,444  |
| Horses put to sleep               | 1      |
| Prosecutions                      | 4      |
| Convictions                       | 4      |
| Small animals put to sleep        | 855    |
| Homes found for small animals     | 32     |
| Animals returned to owners        | 52     |
| Ambulance calls for small animals | 608    |
| Miles traveled in investigations  | 22,501 |
| Public talks                      | 17     |

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Berkshire County, (9 Months)        |        |
| Complaints investigated             | 158    |
| Animals inspected                   | 4,767  |
| Small animals humanely put to sleep | 1,358  |
| Horses humanely put to sleep        | 9      |
| Prosecutions                        | 2      |
| Convictions                         | 1      |
| Animals placed in homes             | 30     |
| Animals returned to owners          | 15     |
| Mileage                             | 19,037 |
| Ambulance calls                     | 360    |

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Worcester County             |       |
| Complaints investigated      | 464   |
| Animals inspected            | 5,110 |
| Horses taken from work       | 27    |
| Horses humanely put to sleep | 32    |
| Other animals put to sleep   | 20    |
| Prosecutions                 | 16    |
| Convictions                  | 16    |
| Mileage                      | 9,957 |

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Bristol County               |        |
| Complaints investigated      | 520    |
| Animals inspected            | 2,703  |
| Horses taken from work       | 37     |
| Horses humanely put to sleep | 16     |
| Other animals put to sleep   | 37     |
| Ambulance calls              | 231    |
| Prosecutions                 | 11     |
| Convictions                  | 9      |
| Miles traveled               | 21,687 |

**The Taunton Branch**

This active and efficient group of women under the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Woodward, the president, reports:

**Homes found for small animals, 85**  
**Small animals returned to their homes, 53**  
**Small animals humanely put to sleep, 458**

**Prosecutions**

Everywhere, here in the United States and in nearly every other land, prosecutions for cruelty are decreasing in number. This is as it should be. After a century of the work of Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals spreading over so-called civilized countries, the activities of these societies would look largely like failure if humane legislation secured and educational work done had not resulted in such better treatment of animals as to lessen greatly the number of cases to be taken to court. The decrease in the number of horses has also very materially cut down the number of prosecutions.

**Legislation**

Years ago our Society began to call attention to the evil of what is known as the setting up of horses' tails. This last year, in co-operation with all the humane forces of the State, a law was secured prohibiting the exhibition at any horse show in the Commonwealth of any horse whose tail had been set up or docked after September 1, 1934, when the law went into effect. Inasmuch as this cruel and senseless practice is chiefly confined to horses of the show ring, and, as such legislation is bound to spread from state to state, it will have ultimately to be abandoned altogether.

Our Bill to prevent the keeping confined any wild animal at roadside gas stations, lunch and other wayside places of amusement, we lost. This we have tried for several years to secure but without success, in spite of the fact that the treatment of wild animals at many of these places is a reproach to the State. We have again introduced the Bill into the 1935 Legislature.

The Society has backed, both financially and morally, particularly in conjunction with the Animal Rescue League, during the year, the Humane Trapping Council in its efforts to keep in force the law obtained four years ago prohibiting the use of the steel trap. By the misleading and muddled

wording of the ballot we lost the effect of our law in such sections of the State as may vote to go back to the cruelties of the torturing trap. We have no reason to think public opinion has changed since our law was won by an overwhelming majority. The referendum was so worded that thousands voted against the law when they thought they were voting for it. The battle is not ended. It will be renewed as soon as conditions make it possible.

**The "International Appeal"**

A very important feature of the year's work was the preparation and distribution of the illustrated pamphlet bearing this title. The appalling loss of the world's sea birds because of the pollution of coastal waters with the thick and deadly residue from ships burning oil is more and more claiming the interest of all active organizations concerned with the preservation of wild life and its protection from suffering and death. More than 8,000 of these pamphlets were sent out, the recipients including every humane society in this and other lands whose address could be found, hundreds of newspapers, senators, representatives, and private individuals. Many letters have been received from citizens and societies in this and foreign lands acknowledging the receipt of the pamphlet and expressing deep concern in the subject. The matter has already been brought to the attention of the League of Nations and is being taken up anew by certain of the Federal authorities at Washington. The goal sought is such interest awakened that the Maritime Powers of the world will be led to summon another conference similar to the one held in 1924 and take united action to stop this evil that is destroying annually the life of millions of our sea birds, which, lighting in the oily waters, and, unable to fly, die in the sea or are drifted ashore to perish. The fishing industry, also, in several lands is being seriously threatened by this discharge of oil into the sea.

**The Women's Auxiliary**

Beginning its work fourteen years ago this Auxiliary has proved a most effective servant of our Society and its Hospital. Through its various activities it has secured sufficient funds to add to the equipment of the Hospital many needed, and often ex-

pensive, devices essential to latest and best treatment of animals. Its present president, Mrs. Edith Washburn Clarke, has also been instrumental in the formation of two other such Auxiliaries, one at Springfield and one at Winchester, both working for the welfare of the Society. Our Auxiliary has also brought our Society's work prominently before the various Women's Clubs of the State and thereby won for us a host of new friends.

**Dog and Horse Racing**

Apparently Massachusetts is to join other states of the Union in licensed race-tracks where people, probably the majority of them far from able to do it, can gamble away their money. These tracks, especially those for the dog races, will mean much additional work for our officers in guarding against the violations of the anti-cruelty laws. We promise the public vigilant and thorough inspection of these tracks.

**Miscellaneous Services**

Among many minor activities of the year were the usual Horses' Christmas, always generously provided for by lovers of animals who are glad to send their contributions; the requests received and answered for our moving picture films illustrating many features of our work; the many addresses made by officers of the Society before clubs, churches and various other gatherings; and the vast deal of publicity secured through the press of the State.

**Financial Report**

Current expenses for the year, including depreciation, \$279,328.43. Current receipts, \$261,604.50. Deficit, \$17,723.93.

More friends are needed to endow stalls and new kennels in the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital. Payments of thirty-five dollars for a kennel or seventy-five dollars for a stall will insure a suitable marker inscribed with donor's name. Terms of permanent endowment of free stalls and kennels will be given upon application to the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.

Our readers are urged to clip from "Our Dumb Animals" various articles and request their local editors to republish. Copies so mutilated will be made good by us upon application.



THIS VICTIM OF AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT SEEMS TO GIVE DEFINITE APPRECIATION OF HIS TREATMENT AT ANGELL HOSPITAL

The view at left, shows him in splinters for multiple fracture of the right thigh and a fracture of the right elbow. The view at right, shows him as he appeared when discharged from the Hospital.

## II

## The American Humane Education Society

THE report printed above tells of the rapidly lessening number of court prosecutions for cruelty to animals in Massachusetts, the home state of the American Humane Education Society. How much of the credit for this condition, and for similar conditions in other parts of the country, may be due to the forty-six years' activities of the American Humane Education Society, we do not venture to estimate. But we do feel certain that nobody can read the following report of a single year's work, expressed inadequately in such statistics and statements as we have tried to condense into reasonable compass, and not realize that here is a tremendous influence being exerted daily in nearly every corner of the country in behalf of better treatment of animals. But that, as we cannot too often repeat, is the lesser half of the story.

## Field Workers' Activities

What of the influence in building character in the hundreds of thousands of impressionable youths reached by our school lecturers, our poster contests, our printed word—all directed to humane education, or, better, perhaps, *heart* education?

## MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A.

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Nearly three quarters of a million people of all ages were reached in audiences addressed by the fourteen field workers of the American Humane Education Society during 1934. Of course the great majority of these were children in the public schools, but there were many adult audiences, including Women's Clubs, church gatherings, teachers' conferences, and meetings of various organizations.

## In New England

Miss Maryott visited schools in nine of the larger cities and towns of Massachusetts where she spoke before 39,605 persons and organized 1,006 Bands of Mercy. Miss Gilbert went to 110 towns, mostly in New Hampshire with a few in Vermont, where her audiences aggregated 41,332 persons. She organized 1,038 Bands of Mercy. Her talks numbered 635 in 333 different schools, and she distributed nearly 10,000 pieces of literature.

## Virginia and Carolina

In addition to the regular school visits and talks, resulting in the organization of 381 Bands of Mercy in Richmond, Virginia, and surrounding counties, Miss Finley

SOME PROSECUTIONS MADE BY  
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DURING THE YEAR

A dozen cases of failure to provide proper feed, drink and shelter for farm animals resulted principally in fines ranging from \$5 to \$50. One defendant was sentenced to jail for three months, two others for two months each.

The promoter of a cocking-main was convicted and fined \$50. Thirty-six of those present were each fined \$10. Seventy-four birds were confiscated. Another promoter paid a fine of \$50.

Six defendants were found guilty of selling horses unfit for work. Small fines were imposed and the price refunded.

A farmer who allowed his cows to go unmilked for thirty-six hours was arraigned on the charge of cruelty; he was found guilty and fined \$25.

For cruelly abandoning two dogs and two cats a defendant, who pleaded *not guilty*, was found guilty and fined \$10.

Three hit-and-run drivers of automobiles were prosecuted for cruelly injuring dogs. Two offenders were fined \$20 each; the case of the third was placed on file. Five other drivers for similar offenses paid fines aggregating \$120.

For inflicting tortures upon a horse which was lame and galled and whose body was lacerated and punctured by a sharp instrument and in a septic condition, a defendant was fined \$200.

The prosecuting officers of the Society are advised and instructed that it is always better, when possible, to convert men from cruelty than to convict them in courts, and that the test of a Society's usefulness is not the number of its prosecutions, but the number of acts of cruelty it is able to prevent.

L. WILLARD WALKER, Chief Officer

sponsored very successful prize poster, story, letter, poem and animal book contests, and held humane education exhibits at the State Teachers' Convention and that of the Parent-Teacher Association. In Virginia rural districts Mr. Lemon held many exhibits, with distribution of literature, and found his way to 279 places where his audiences were about equally divided between children and adults. He reported 252 Bands of Mercy. He is one of three workers securing splendid results among the colored population of the South. Another is Mr. Carroll, with headquarters in South Carolina, who traveled more than 20,000 miles and reached more than 160,000 persons in that and adjacent states. He was responsible for 552 Bands of Mercy. He secures much favorable publicity, especially in the colored press of the South.

## Georgia and Tennessee

Two outstanding events mark the work of Mrs. Weathersbee in Georgia—the giving of a humane education breakfast to 500 guests with distinguished speakers at the Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers, and securing the co-operation of the FERA in putting humane education in the recreation program of Atlanta playgrounds. She also visited 119 towns, organized 918 Bands of Mercy, and engaged in unusual activities during Be Kind to Animals Week. Mr. Burton traveled 24,000 miles through cities, towns and the Southern Mountains of Tennessee, reaching many thousand children and adults. He gave 203 school talks and 68 adult addresses. He influenced 7,700 persons to take the Jack London pledge.

## Texas and Florida

Mr. Barnwell's work is among the Negroes of Texas, nearly 100,000 of whom he reached in some way during the year. They were in 114 different places, requiring nearly 15,000 miles of travel. He reported 712 Bands of Mercy, and distributed more than 10,000 pieces of literature. A new field worker, Rev. R. E. Griffith, was engaged early in 1934 to work in Florida. In eight months he organized 285 Bands of Mercy, having visited 62 places. His travels take him to humane societies, libraries, and various institutions, in all of which he stresses humane education and helps with local plans for the cause.

## In Metropolitan Cities

Mr. Wentzel, with headquarters at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, visited 76 places, gave more than a hundred school talks and 55 adult addresses, reaching a total of 33,750 persons. He distributed nearly 50,000 pieces of literature at vacation Bible schools, Parent-Teacher meetings, county fairs, and other religious and educational gatherings, at all of which he spoke on humane education. Mrs. Toomim succeeded in putting on one of the most colorful and successful programs for Be Kind to Animals Week that Chicago, Illinois, has ever seen. Her work is chiefly in the schools

of that city, where she is in great demand as a speaker. She organized nearly 2,000 Bands of Mercy, reaching more than 75,000 children. She also spoke at Chicago Settlement schools and daily vacation Bible schools.

#### Co-operation with Parents and Teachers

Mrs. Nichols, chairman of the Humane Education committee of the Parent-Teacher Association, with headquarters in Tacoma, Washington, held an exhibit and gave an address at the National Congress, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., spoke at a council meeting in Boise, Idaho, and engaged in many activities relating to Parent-Teacher work.

#### Press Bureaus East and West

Mrs. Clarke, in charge of the press bureau at 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, distributed 14,702 leaflets, sent out 1,127 letters, attended 201 club meetings, gave 21 addresses on humane education, and visited numerous other gatherings. As president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., she conducted the very successful Hospitality Day at headquarters, the "Daisy Day" at Cape Cod, a garden party at Gloucester, and the annual Fair at the Copley Plaza hotel, Boston. Mrs. Park, in charge of our Western Humane Press Bureau, with headquarters in Palo Alto, California, sent out regular press slips each month to newspapers west of the Rocky Mountains, spoke at the California Teachers' Association and before several other gatherings and, while on a world tour, left humane literature to humane societies in each of 18 ports of call, in addition to interviewing editors and librarians.

#### Foreign Contacts

Calls for literature continue to come to us from all parts of the world, the records showing distribution of various quantities in 1934 to Africa, British West Indies, Bulgaria, Canada, Central America, China, India, Japan, Norway, Philippine Islands, Syria, and Turkey.

#### Jack London Club

Our appeal for lessening the cruelty in connection with training animals for stage and screen performances, goes forth monthly in *Our Dumb Animals*, with the result that 43,191 new members of the Jack London Club were added during the year, the total membership now being 630,342.

#### Band of Mercy Growing

In 1934 we received reports of 8,277 new Bands of Mercy, which came from many of the states of the Union, while 25 were organized in Syria, 21 in Lebanon, two in Spanish Honduras, and one each in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. The total number of Bands formed since starting in 1882, is 207,146.

#### Be Kind to Animals Week

The twentieth observance of National Be Kind to Animals Week was doubtless the most extensive yet held. Governor Ely of Massachusetts issued the usual Proclamation, as did the Governors of several other states. *Our Dumb Animals* conducted a cartoon contest, offering prizes

of \$50 and \$25 for the best work published in newspapers, which brought entries from artists in several states. We circulated 1,500 national Be Kind to Animals posters; published 2,500 copies of a 4-page leaflet, "Hints for Humane Sunday," and 3,000 "Now Remember Animals" cards; and contributed 8,000 copies of "Humane Exercises for Use in Schools," 1934 edition, to the public schools of Massachusetts in connection with the annual Humane Day. The *Boston Sunday Herald* conducted a prize essay contest in co-operation with the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., in which 2,000 boys and girls under sixteen years of age participated, many of the essays being published. The annual school poster contest resulted in 5,425 entries, representing 398 schools in 138 cities and towns of Massachusetts. There were 688 first prize medals awarded, 711 second prize medals, and 1,069 honorable mentions. The best posters were on display in the Boston Public Library during Be Kind to Animals Week and the week following.

#### Moving Picture Films

During 1934 there were 38 rentals of the "Bell of Atri," several of these being for more than one showing. Copies of the film were sold to Japan and to Detroit, Michigan, the last-named being the sixth order for the film from the educational department of that city. The new film of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., "On Behalf of Animals," was rented 42 times and one copy was sold to Rochester, N. Y. Many of these "rentals" were practically free, as only transportation was charged.

#### New Literature

Nearly 3,000 copies of the 1935 Humane Calendar were issued, about half of which were with colored pictures. In addition to the 25,000 copies of various pamphlets and cards published for Be Kind to Animals Week, the Society brought out several new leaflets, chief of which was "An International Appeal," 8,400 copies being published and circulated. During the year new editions were needed for "The Shame of It" (15,000) and for "The Great Cruelty" (10,000). Other leaflets, regularly circulated, were reprinted in varying quantities. Bound volumes of *Our Dumb Animals* were placed on sale, and about 100 copies

given to hotels, clubs, and various institutions.

#### Free Service

In addition to free loans of its films and lantern slides, the Society gave away 140,864 leaflets, 17,314 pamphlets, 224 books, 5,166 cards, 3,190 posters, 48 pennants and nearly 10,000 buttons and badges.

#### Receipts and Expenses

Receipts, \$19,901.12. Payments, \$27,646.90. This deficit between receipts and payments will be taken care of by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

All things considered, in view of the loss of income suffered by a large part of our members and contributors owing to the serious times through which we have been passing, the Societies realize they have much to be grateful for in not being obliged to curtail their activities or dismiss any of their employees during the last three or four years, and to be able to enter the new year with such relatively small deficits. To all who have made it possible to show so good a record they desire here to express their most grateful appreciation.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President

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It seems these days as if some people shirk responsibilities. Cats and dogs, but especially cats, are thrown out of automobiles along the country roads to shift for themselves or die. All children must rally to the rescue. Cats are cats and dogs are dogs and both need the help of their human friends the children.

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## Do Animals Feel the Cold?

CONRAD O. PETERSON

CLOSE observance has proved to me that they do, and shiver as we do, in freezing weather. I also note that many of my neighbors do not seem to believe so, because they place their dog in a cold wood-shed or garage at night. Kittens, shaking their paws in the cold snow, are brushed away from the door. My neighbors must believe that an animal has no sense of pain whatever.

These small animals have been taught to depend on their human friends for their food and care, and it is when the cold winds blow and the snow lies deep that they need extra attention. The animals of the forest have not been taught to expect assistance, but mother nature does her best.

The bear hibernates during the winter, the squirrel has his comfortable nest, ruffed grouse rest warmly in the deep snow, and, in fact, all of our forest friends have the means to take care of themselves.

Animals who live entirely in the open air, have always some warm nest to retreat to, when the weather gets too cold. But the animal who depends on human assistance is not prepared in that way.

So, if you have a pet, see to it that it has a warm place to stay at night. Remember *you* are its master! In time of need, they ask *you* for help. Don't fail them!

## From a Sermon by Dr. Jefferson

All through your life you ought to cultivate tender feelings toward your little brothers and sisters. If your heart is kept tender in childhood you will not grow up to like hunting. There are men who love nothing so much as shooting animals and birds. Such men did not start life right. They did not learn early that animals and birds are our relatives and that it is cruel to kill them just for the fun of seeing them die. I hope you will read the lives of some of the men who have loved animals — Peter Pindar, Robert Burns, S. T. Coleridge, Laurence Sterne, R. L. Stevenson, Burne-Jones and Charles Lamb.

## Feeding the Birds

MYRTLE G. BURGER

*"Oh goody," cried a little bird  
Who found some grains of wheat,  
"On such a day I didn't think  
I'd find a thing to eat!"*

*"For snow lies deep upon the ground  
And limbs are glazed with ice,  
To find a meal spread out for me  
Is wonderfully nice."*

*Now other birds flew down and soon  
They'd eaten everything.  
Then up into the tree they went  
Where each began to sing.*

*And Bob and Betty watching them  
Beside the window, heard  
And were so glad they'd spread the wheat  
For every hungry bird.*

## Fur Collars

ELLA C. FORBES

*When I see a winter coat  
With big, fur collar,  
Somewhere near I'm sure to hear  
Some little fellow holler.*

*Maybe it is Reddy Fox,  
Stumbling on a trap,  
Never sensing danger  
Till the jaws go snap.*

*Maybe it is Bobby Mink;  
In a leafy lane  
Suddenly he falls and writhes  
In blinding pain.*

*Maybe it is Johnny Wolf,  
Maybe Billy Beaver;  
Victims, all of them, to man  
The slayer and the thiever.*

*Poor little woodsy things  
Slain for the dollars,  
And all because fashion calls  
For big, fur collars.*



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THE LLAMA IS A MOST UNUSUAL STEED FOR CHILDREN. THIS ONE IS OWNED IN ENGLAND

## War

## War

I ahor,  
And yet how sweet  
The sound along the marching street  
Of drum and fife, and I forget  
Broken old mothers, and the whole  
Dark butchery without a soul.

Without a soul — save this bright drunk  
Of heady music, sweet as hell;  
And even my peace-abiding feet  
Go marching with the marching feet;  
For yonder goes the fife,  
And what care I for human life!  
And tears fill my astonished eyes  
And my full heart is like to break,  
And yet 'tis all embattled lies —  
A dream those drummers make.

O it is wickedness to clothe  
Yon hideous grinning thing that stalks  
Hidden in music, like a queen  
That in a garden of glory walks,  
Till good men love the things they loathe.

Art, thou hast many infamies,  
But not an enemy like this.  
O snap the fife and still the drum,  
And show the monster as she is.

RICHARD LE GALLIENNE

"We condemn, and an increasing body of American citizens condemn, compulsory military training as unwise, illiberal and unfair. Moreover, we condemn it as inefficient and wasteful of the taxpayers' money. . . . The battle against compulsory militarizing of the students of State universities should go on. . . . The fight will have to be made in Congress. . . . And the fight also will have to be continued in the States." — New York World-Telegram

## American Fondouk, Fez

Report for December, 1934 — 31 Days

|                             |      |          |
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| Daily average large animals | 42.8 | \$79.74  |
| Forage for same             | 8.4  |          |
| Daily average dogs,         | 8.65 |          |
| Forage for same             | 25   | 22.36    |
| Put to sleep                |      | 12.85    |
| Transportation              |      | 88.18    |
| Wages, grooms, etc.         |      | 132.39   |
| Secretary's salary          |      | 82.79    |
| Superintendent's salary     |      | 26.50    |
| Veterinary's salary         |      | 66.07    |
| Sundries                    |      | \$519.53 |

Entries: 14 horses, 15 mules, 41 donkeys.  
Exits: 6 horses, 9 mules, 29 donkeys.  
Kilometers traveled, 124; cases investigated, 319; animals seen, 3,976; animals treated, 1,012; animals transferred, 30.

## TO OUR FRIENDS

In making your will, kindly bear in mind that the corporate title of our Society is "The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals"; that it is the second incorporated (March, 1868) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the country, and that it has no connection with any other similar Society.

Any bequest especially intended for the benefit of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital should, nevertheless, be made to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals "for the use of the Hospital," as the Hospital is not incorporated but is the property of that Society and is conducted by it.

## FORM OF BEQUEST

I give to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (or to The American Humane Education Society), the sum of ..... dollars (or, if other property, describe the property).

## Purposeful Reasoning

KADRA MAYSIS

WHENEVER I hear of psychologists debating the question as to whether or not animals reason, I smile to myself. I believe that reasoning may be defined as "thinking with a purpose." All my life I have loved animals, had them around me, observed their habits. Hundreds of times have I had proof that not only the higher animals, such as horses and dogs, reason, but that even the lower ones "think with a purpose."

Not long ago, I had occasion to go one afternoon to that part of Charleston which is called West Point. The sun was setting across the Ashley River, reddening the marshes and setting afire every window of old West Point rice mill, which is nearly a century old. Behind it towered enormous piles of evil-smelling hemp or sisal-grass shipped in for the city's bagging factories.

But my attention was attracted by a flight of white heron, which seemed to be doing airplane drill over the middle of the river. Tide was drawing out of the marsh, leaving bare mud-banks and shallow creeks; but the herons, flying in a semi-circle just above the water, were flapping slowly toward the shore. As they came closer we could see a disturbance in the river before and under them. A number of fish seemed to be swimming and jumping ahead of them.

Amazed, we watched them approach the marsh, driving before them a number of fish. As deliberately and methodically as cowboys drive cattle into a corral, the great birds closed in and drove their prey into the rapidly draining creeks and gutters. As soon as they had them safe in shallow water, they settled down on their long legs and made a comfortable meal.

One of the river watchmen told me that he had often seen them execute the same maneuvers. He said that, whenever unable to find enough fish in shallow water, they deliberately flew out in mid-stream, formed a semi-circle, horseshoe, or wedge, and flapped inshore, flying so low that their wings drove the fish before them.

He took it quite as a matter of course, but I was greatly excited. The huge white birds flying low above the sunset-crimsoned tide formed a picture which I shall never forget. Its memory is made more interesting by knowledge that their drill was not accidental, but that they were having an afternoon "round-up."

## A Word From the Fondouk

EVERY day I have been putting in some good spade work in the Medina, or other likely places, stopping Arabs who have anything in the way of needles or nails attached to their sticks.

I find the Arab's favorite habit is to hold the business end of the stick inside his hand, so that the stick looks quite innocent. Now, I stop them to see what they have in their hands.

The New Year has commenced badly for Hamed Ben Talleb, a servant of Sidi el Abbes, living at his employer's at Fez. This man has not been convicted before, but he was met today on the road by a policeman who stopped him because he was wounding his donkey with a dirty bit of iron, which was covered with blood. It was a favorite habit of this man to thrash his animals without reason. The policeman very rightly conducted him at once to the police station where he was kept under arrest.

The animal was sent to the American Fondouk by the police, who are always helpful in these cases.

On Saturday, on returning to the office, I saw four little Arab boys ill-treating a very handsome black pointer, evidently a pedigree dog. The dog followed me all the way to the Fondouk and would not leave me. It was a very lovable beast and I felt it had been in the possession of very kind people, and was too good a dog to be sent to the common pound.

I gave it a temporary bed at the Fondouk and today saw an advertisement for it in the local paper. I found that it belonged to the cashier of the Banque d'Etat, Fez, who was delighted to find it had been so well taken care of by us, and was exceedingly grateful.

Although this is outside of our general work here, I felt great pity for any dog to be left to the cruelty of the wayside.

We know that to ancient peoples the horse was sacred, says a writer in the *Christian Science Monitor*. The Scandinavians worshiped it. The Saxon invaders, Hengist and Horsa, bore the horse on their standards and it was symbolized in their names, for the horse was the emblem of warriors.

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